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## Pastor's Perspective...

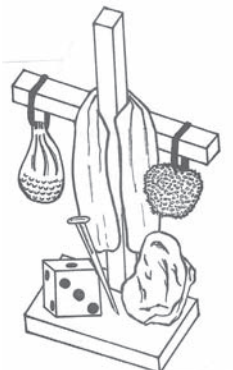


by Pastor Dan Hansen

*"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious  
and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love..."***Joel 2:13****1) On our Ash Wednesday worship on February 21...**

Come join us for a wonderful night! From the super soup supper served by our council ministries, to the Holden Prayer Service, to the Lenten dramas which we always enjoy... we will be blessed! Since our Wednesday worship attendance took a nice jump last year, we'll have two services for Wednesdays this year—4:30 & 7:00 with soup supper in between. We hope that this new 4:30 Lenten service will be an attractive option for older folks who might be reluctant to drive after dark and for younger families who would like to get their kids home earlier!

Our Lenten crosses last year were a "big hit," so our dramas this year will focus on "Cross/Peace." Each week households will receive an artifact to hang on their cross: a stone, coin, purple cloth, nail, dice, sponge, and our Lenten dramas will focus on these weekly themes. Pastor Bruce, Nanette and Diane have done an outstanding job of planning this inspirational Lenten season with an FCLC written devotional book, weekly preaching topics, and our Lenten dramas for our Wednesday worship services. Once again each of our council ministries will be taking a turn setting up and cleaning up for the soup suppers. So far, it's worked out great! We hope you'll observe Lent with us this year and join us for a very special season of fellowship and worship as we "draw near to God" during these 40 days of fasting and prayer.



## 2) On the 3rd Anniversary of our Saturday Service...

This wonderful worship service has become such a familiar part of our congregational life, it's hard to believe it's only three years old! But clearly, you have "voted with your feet" for this welcome worship opportunity (and this has become our families favorite service!). Primarily we're targeting folks that may have occasional Sunday morning conflicts that would prevent them from attending worship and Sunday school; but we certainly have a growing core of Saturday Night "regulars!" While the service is only about 45 minutes, nevertheless, it's largely the same service as you'll find on Sunday mornings, so please keep it in mind with your busy weekend schedules.

## 3) On our February FCLC Orientation...

We have a growing number of visitors who have become "regulars" around here for our worship services and so we are hoping for another good sized group at our next FCLC Orientation on **February 25th and March 4th!** A special thanks to Nanette for organizing orientations and to our Fellowship Ministry for organizing the lunch after worship on Sunday March 4th. Once again, we've really been blessed with a lot of growth!

## 4) On our stewardship this year...

The "good news" is that we had a great year last year, and the "good news" is that our offerings are up from last year. Nevertheless, general giving is off to a bit of a slow start with reference to our 2007 budget. Can you help? Although over 20 households did not provide any financial support year, we really do believe that "everybody's got something to offer!" God bless you for sharing generously of your time & talents and treasure for the work of the kingdom of God!

## 5) On our new "Grief Support" Group...

As Pastor Bruce mentioned, Steve and Denise Lauerman will be leading an ongoing grief group here on Thursday evenings, starting February 15. They will be using some DVDs by an organization called **GriefShare**. These are excellent materials, with lots of good insights from people who have themselves experienced grief. As you know, we've had a growing number of funerals this past year and we pray that as a church, we can be a faithful family in providing love & support.

## 6) On summer youth opportunities...

We're thrilled once again to have over 50 of our youth signed up to go on a workcamp mission trip this summer. What a wonderful witness to families in need, that young people in our country care enough to reach out, that they would sacrifice their time and their talents, when clearly they could be simply making money or spending money going to sports camps, etc. Sometimes our actions are the "loudest sermon" our neighbors will hear!

We are excited about financial support we received from our new FCLC Endowment for kids who want to attend **Sky Ranch Camp this summer**. Last summer, about 17 of us had a wonderful week of fun and fellowship and faith-building in the beautiful Rocky Mountains west of Fort Collins. **This is always one of my favorite weeks of the summer and I'm hoping that this summer we can grow our numbers**. Through the years, I've often heard kids say that they grew closer to God at camp than any other time in their lives. How do you hang a "price-tag" on that!!?? Give it some thought and prayer if you have a middle schooler in your family.

**Your partner in ministry,**

**Pastor Dan**





by Pastor Bruce Welander



Lately, I have been thinking a lot about an upcoming trip to Turkey with a number of members of Faith Community in April. In planning for this pilgrimage, I recently looked carefully at some items in my basement that my wife and I had saved from our trip there in 1988 – a number of guidebooks, pictures, maps, etc.

Soon I made a significant discovery. Among those items of Turkish memorabilia there was something of immediate practical value that I could take along and use on this year's trip.... cash! in genuine Turkish lira no less!

Yes, somehow we had brought home with us some 2,100 Turkish lira in paper money... plus a nice little 50-lira coin. I don't happen to be at all sentimental where this kind of thing is concerned, so I thought how nice it was that we had saved this and that now, some nineteen years later, I could use this as a head start on food or souvenir purchases this April.

But then, a few days later, I happened to learn of a slight impediment to my monetary plans. It seems that Turkey has had something called inflation. How *much* inflation? According to a book on the Turkish language that I bought recently, the country's currency has inflated so much that, as of 2003 - at least, one American dollar was the equivalent of 1,200,000 Turkish lira. "You need hundreds of thousands of lira," it said, "just to buy a snack." So, let's see.... my 2,150 leftover lira would buy... *what*?

Perhaps there's a broader lesson here, namely this: Don't expect to live on yesterday's capital! Life is meant to be lived on the grow! If I had been able to invest those original lira at a decent rate, I could be a billionaire today! .... (in *Turkish* money, of course). But of course I didn't do so.

It is similar with Christian faith. If we adults are trying only to live off the capital of vague childhood memories from Sunday school, we are probably not very well equipped to handle today's challenges to faith.

Or take worship. No warm memories of worship somewhere in the past can replace a regular Sunday-by-Sunday involvement today... and likewise with the need to use regularly the gifts and talents and opportunities that God gives us.

In short, life is an investment, and investments must be kept active. Do you recall Jesus' parable of the talents in Matthew 25? One man was roundly criticized by Jesus... not because he had only one talent, but because he "hid it in the ground." If you do that, not even 2,150 Turkish lira will get you very far.

On another subject.... Steve and Denise Lauerman will be leading an ongoing grief group here on Thursday evenings, starting February 15. I have seen some of the DVDs they will be using... something by an organization called *GriefShare*. I am impressed. This is excellent material, with lots of good insights from people who have themselves experienced grief. On a personal note, I was rather stunned when one of the DVDs showed a woman whom I once knew when she was a member of the church in Fort Collins where I was pastor years ago. I had lost touch with her and had no idea that a son of hers had died. But grief is widespread, and there is no better place to express it and learn from it and grow through it than in the church.

Let me know, please, if you would like further information about this excellent opportunity coming soon to Faith Community. I really believe that this will be a significant experience of healing for many, a "journey from mourning to joy," as someone in *GriefShare* put it.

Life is a journey, meant for growth. Thanks be to God that we can grow together as a faith community.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bruce Welander



# FCLC Christian Education News

## FCLC's Health and Wellness Fair

**Sunday, February 11, 9:00 am-12:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Exhibitors covering a wide variety of health and wellness topics will be available all morning. Bring a healthy dose of questions with you when you come!

*Sponsored by Faith Community Lutheran's Health and Wellness Ministry.*

## Sunday School Theme for February: *Hospitality-Stop & Listen*

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Memory Verse (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders): *Don't forget to show hospitality to others, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!* **Hebrews 13:2**

Memory Verse (PKs): *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.* **Psalms 143:10**

**Parents!** *Would you like a resource that could be used to help explain the meaning of Holy Communion to your young children?*

**Kids,** *would you like to learn about Holy Communion while doing one of your favorite things---coloring?*

Look for Faith Community Lutheran's very own **Holy Communion Coloring Books** to be available by March 1. Written and illustrated by FCLC members!

## The 2007 Lenten Devotional is coming!

Check your church mailboxes on February 18. Thanks to the commitment of 29 of FCLC's finest authors, all members of Faith Community Lutheran will have an easy-to-use, at-their-fingertips devotional tool to help them grow in their faith each day during the season of Lent. This year's Lenten theme: "CrossPeace."

**A BIG THANK YOU to Marv Heimbichner** for the beautiful handcrafted crosses to be given to those families who did not receive one last year. Attend Lenten services each week and receive a unique Cross-piece to attach to your cross.



**Mark your Calendars now!**

## Confirmation Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 25, 12:15 pm, Sunrise All 8th graders AND their parents should plan on attending this one-time planning meeting for Confirmation Weekend (May 5-6). Now's the time to give input and get your questions answered regarding the format of faith statements, confirmation questioning and worship service details. Confirmation robe measurements will also take place at this time.

## Christian Education Dates to Remember

Check the online calendar link at [www.faithcommunitylutheran.org](http://www.faithcommunitylutheran.org)

<b>February 2</b>	10:00-11:30 am	<b>Women's Book Tea</b>
<b>February 11</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	<b>P.O.T.s Bible Study (Change of date!)</b>
<b>February 11</b>		<b>Christian Ed. THEME: Hospitality</b>
<b>February 18</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	<b>Great Dates Bible Study</b>
<b>February 25</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	<b>New Member Orientation, Session #1</b>
<b>February 26</b>	7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Weavers of the Cloth</b>
<b>March 4</b>	9:45-10:45 am	<b>New Member Orientation, Session #2</b>
<b>March 4</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	<b>P.O.T.S. Bible Study</b>
<b>March 10</b>	10:00-11:00 am	<b>Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training</b>



# February Birthdays!



## February 1

Linda Blackwell  
Renee Goertz  
Alan Jordan

## February 2

Dianne Prout  
Sally Beckner  
Terry Schemmel  
Pamela Bowman  
Sarah Demmel

## February 3

Blair Wacha

## February 4

Robert Simpson  
Wendy Kerr  
Connie Schumacher  
Mary Cotton  
Austin Wolfe

## February 5

Roger Martinez  
Kirsten Simpson  
Ashley Bourgois

## February 6

Nadine Heidt  
Bill McDermid  
Korey Patterson

## February 7

Sililo Woo Ching  
Sarah Gostenik  
Jamie Wallace-Vigil  
Owen George  
Ashton Hubert

## February 10

Adam Lewis  
Mitchell Parsons

## February 11

Liz Knapp  
Lori Olson  
Caleb Mendez  
Erik West  
Matthew Bendzel

## February 12

Lorna Ott

## February 13

Harlan Olson

## February 14

Larry Polsdofer  
Ryan Chaney

## February 15

Laura Carver  
Brenda Shelton  
Stephani Vaughn

## February 16

Katie Carver  
Kendall Storaci

## February 17

Beverly Davis  
Barbara Van Winkle  
Rhea Hoops  
Heather Gomez  
Morgan Wacha  
Blake Fushi  
Mehelani Bowman

## February 18

Pam Schaal  
Wade Fott  
Kathryn Mathiesen

## February 19

Charlotte Nelson  
Marvin Heimbichner  
Kristi Builan  
Braden Wormke

## February 20

Marcie Mason  
Michael Sell

## February 21

Teri Hassa  
Mike Krantz

## February 22

Dale Nehls  
Jill Konicek  
MacKenzie Demmel

## February 23

Al Parker  
Jenny Wright  
LuAnn Hostetter  
Peggy Brossman  
Paul James  
Rob Ney  
Sarah Droege  
Nikolas Olson  
Keegan Gomez

## February 24

Ann Whitefoot  
Tyger Penson  
CC Rinehart

## February 26

Erika Snyder  
Michelle Kramer  
Jordan Lubovich  
Jennifer Walder  
Shane Brockman  
Milton Meyers

## February 27

John Benson  
Samantha Vaughn  
Natalie Benson  
Ben Walder

## February 28

Craig Cogdill  
Calvin Mendez



# February Wedding Anniversaries



## February 2

Casey & Peggy Criswell – 26 yrs

## February 3

Blair Wacha & Diane Pugh – 4 yrs

## February 10

Robert & Natalie Boggess – 6 yrs

## February 11

Dennis & Cheryl Fishburn – 24 yrs  
Korey & Melanie Patterson – 2 yrs

## February 12

Todd & Tyger Penson – 47 yrs

## February 16

Neal & Laura Carver – 26 yrs

## February 18

Shaun & Lisa McMikle – 18 yrs  
Paul & Cindy Noble – 18 yrs

## February 21

Frank & Renee Svejda – 20 yrs

## February 22

Marvin & Joyce Heimbichner – 48 yrs

## February 26

Sam & June Faulkner – 34 yrs



# Outreach News

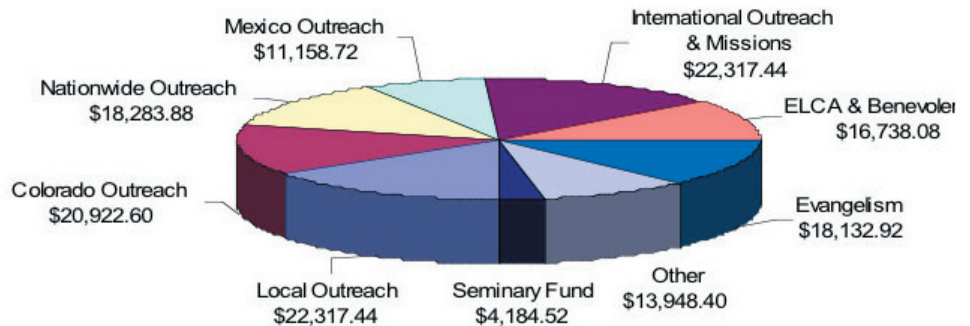
## "First Fruits"

It's the beginning of a new year and **FCLC Outreach Committee would love to have you join our team!**

We have the fun job of distributing the "First Fruits" (20% of the church's offering) to different Outreach Ministries. Our meetings are at the church from 6:30-8:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net)) or Karen Odegard ([lkodegard@msn.com](mailto:lkodegard@msn.com)).

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm in Room 234.** Hope you can join us!

### FCLC 2006 "First Fruits" Offering Distribution (based on location)



**Local Ministries:** OUR Center, Habitat for Humanity, Atwood Shelter, Safe Shelter, Inn Between, Life Choices, Healing Circles  
**Colorado Ministries:** Sky Ranch, New Beginnings, Lutheran Family Services, WingShadow, Elizabeth Lutheran, Christus Rex  
**Nationwide Ministries:** Grace Lutheran (New Orleans), Oaks Indian Center (Oklahoma), Mosaic, Shekinah  
**Mexico Ministries:** Cristo Rey (El Paso/Juarez), Friends of Mexico  
**International Ministries:** Lutheran World Hunger, Missionaries (Turkey, China, India, Hong Kong, & Mexico)

## Mark Your 2007 Calendars!

Are you interested in getting involved with some local community activities? FCLC Outreach has some great events coming up and we could really use your help!



### O.U.R. Center

FCLC has signed up to serve lunch to 100-200 people at the O.U.R. Center on the following Saturdays... **March 3, June 23, & October 6.** Volunteers (6-8 adults) are needed to setup, cook, serve, and clean up the meal from 10am until 2pm. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))



### Habitat for Humanity

FCLC Outreach supports the local Habitat for Humanity by providing lunch to the workers on the following Saturdays...**March 31, June 30, August 18, & November 17.** Volunteers are needed to make the food (hearty soup, salad, bread, & dessert) as well as serve the meal from 11:15am until 1pm. The current worksite is in South Longmont in the Quail Ridge subdivision, east of HWY 287 (1316 Carriage Drive). In order to make this project a success, we need **a lot** of help (~20 volunteers to pre-make the food and ~3-5 people to serve it). If you're able to help with this project, please contact Veta Hartman ([hartmanv@comcast.net](mailto:hartmanv@comcast.net))

## Outreach News (continued)



### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – New Orleans, LA.

FCLC has partnered with Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans to help support their rebuilding efforts after the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster. With the Christmas (2005 & 2006) and Lenten (2006) special offerings, we have given over \$15,000 to them. The Outreach committee would like to thank the congregation for all this support! Grace continues to have major budgetary concerns relative to paying the costs of rebuilding and the day to day expenses inherent with any structure and staff. Their Sunday attendance is 50% of what it was pre-Katrina. FCLC Outreach will continue to support them in 2007 in hopes to help them gain their financial footing. For current news and updates, visit their website at: [www.gracenola.com](http://www.gracenola.com).

A mission trip to New Orleans is planned for **March 3-10, 2007**. Currently there are seven people from our congregation going there to help: Pastor Bruce Weland, Gary Yost, Bob Thoman, Matthew Sharp, David Droege, and Duane & Pat Sharp. If you would like a more intimate relationship with Grace and its members, please consider joining this work crew by contacting Pat Sharp (303.776.3715 or [m6sharp@aol.com](mailto:m6sharp@aol.com)). A planning meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb 7 at 6:30pm** in Pastor Bruce's office.



### GRACE SAVED!

*Following is the majority of Grace Lutheran's Thanksgiving letter.*

*This Thanksgiving marks our second Thanksgiving since Hurricane Katrina (August 29, 2005) changed our lives forever. Grace Lutheran Church stood in approximately seven feet of water for almost two weeks, causing over \$1.3 million in damages. With insurance payments of just \$403,000, we were not sure what our future would be. Virtually everything on the first level was destroyed; our sanctuary, office, narthex, fellowship hall, kitchen, daycare facility and classrooms.*

*Our congregation was scattered to the far corners of the country. Gradually, they began to return to assess their damaged homes, neighborhoods, and businesses and to pick up the pieces. Many lived near our church in the Lakeview area of New Orleans and suffered extensive flooding. Worship services were held in a local funeral home chapel beginning in October. We were thrilled and thankful to be able to return to the church building for our Easter services. Donations of chairs, hymnals and an organ were blessings from churches around the country. The church had been gutted by tireless volunteers (angels).*

*This experience has changed the lives of our congregation and community forever. Though so much was lost, we feel that so much more was gained. The outpouring of prayers, volunteer workers, and gifts offered and monetary donations given have displayed clearly that God's power is working through his people. We are so very grateful for your prayers and gifts to Grace Church. We have received approximately \$290,000 in donation of money, time and replacement items. Although we're not back to "normal" yet, we are about 75% of where we were before the storm. We honestly did not know if we would be able to open the church doors again. We could not have done it without you!*

*There still is much to do, however. The neighborhood of Lakeview needs our help; the majority of the area remains much the same as it was immediately following the storm. Through our rebuilding effort, we hope to be an inspiration to other residents and businesses in the area. It is our intention to host volunteer groups at the church for months to come. With God's help and yours, "we are making all things new."*

*This thanksgiving we give thanks to God and each and every one of you. May God bless you.  
The Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Orleans*





## Library Notes: *Are YOU Reading?*

If you are, you have lots of company at our FCLC Library. In 2006, 1578 items [books and VCRs] were checked out of the library. The circulated materials covered the range of all library holdings with children's books and Christian fiction most heavily used. Visit the library often in 2007 and please let the librarians know what you would like to read!

### WHERE DID ALL THOSE BOOKS COME FROM!

Since summer 2003, just over 3000 items have been cataloged for FCLC library and nearly 60 per cent of them have been gifts – both new and used. Members and friends of members have helped build a collection that serves as a resource for educational programs and other ministries, as well as providing a great selection of personal reading for all ages.

**Gifts to the library** can be a thoughtful way to honor a special someone on a birthday, anniversary, or in recognition of a valuable service. Gifts can also be a lasting memorial and reflect the interests of the honoree or meet a special need in the library. Bookplates are created for these gifts and placed in each book. Other gifts of new and gently used books are cataloged and added if they help meet the goals for the collection. Ask a librarian if you have any questions about possible gifts or memorials.

### READER RECOMMENDED?

**COMING SOON ...** Watch for a new feature on the library circulation desk. If you'd like to read a book that another member considers especially interesting, helpful, or just plain great reading, the desk book rack will soon display 'Reader Recommended' choices. Tell Lois Ward if you'd like to nominate a book for this display. Share your library discoveries with other readers ... be an FCLC book critic.

### LOVING BOOKS IS THE KEY TO THEIR FUTURE...

That was the caption under a picture of two British youngsters engrossed in their books which illustrated an article in the December 23 issue of *The Economist*. The article discussed the Reading Recovery program to be nationally implemented in England to help children who are struggling the most to be able to read properly. They reported that international research tends to find that by the time British children leave primary school they are reading well by international standards, but read less often for fun than those elsewhere. "Tellingly, the inspectors said that when they asked why it is good to be able to read, children were more likely to say that it would help them to do well in tests or get a good job than that reading was enjoyable.

"This matters not only because children who are keen on reading can look forward to lifelong pleasure, but because loving books is an excellent predictor of future educational success. According to the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), being a regular and enthusiastic reader is more of an advantage than having well-educated parents in good jobs."

Enjoy your bonus of that lifelong pleasure ... and share it with your kids, too! It's not just the Americans who are searching for the best way to turn their children on to the fun of reading! Grab a stack of family fun from the library shelves today!





# YOUTH AND HOUSEHOLD MINISTRY

## MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ GAME SHOW EVENT:

**When:** Feb 11, 12:30—3:30 PM

**Where:** FCLC Youth Room

Don't miss this one! We will be gathering all Mentor-Protégé (a.k.a. Mentees) pairs for a fun afternoon of games and laughter. Remember the Newlywed Game? Yeah, well, it's been MENTORIZED. All pairs better be spending some quality time together getting to know all those fun little known facts about each other! You never know what question will be the winner!!!

## CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS

**When:** Feb 8, 7 PM—9:00 PM

**Where:** FCLC Youth Room (food included)

Ahoy mates! All you Captains—and you know who you are! We need you at this meeting! We have much to discuss and plan as we look forward through Spring into Summer. RSVP to Kris so we know who will attend.



## LASER STORM DAY

**When:** Feb 18, 12:15-3

**Where:** Laser Storm in Westminster

All Middle and Senior High! Come on out for a day at Laser Storm! Bring either a sack lunch or some lunch \$ (we will stop on the way down), as well as \$10 to cover your cost of two games. Bring a friend! Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board near the main FCLC office, and grab a permission slip! Deadline to sign up is Feb 15.

## SR HIGH GIRLS LATE NIGHT COFFEE TALK

**When:** Feb 28, 8:30-10

**Where:** Caffe Luna at 8th & Coffman

It's all the rage. It's the talk of the town. It's what is real in life. It is where the rubber meets the road and things take off. It's the struggle of it. It's the joy of it. It's the laughter of it. It's the tears of it. It's late night coffee with the girls. Need we say more? Come join us.

## WORKCAMP VISIONING MEETING

**When:** Feb 25, 9:45-10:45

**Where:** FCLC Fellowship Hall

If you have been to Workcamp, if you are a parent or grandparent of a Workcamper, if you want to go to Workcamp, if you have ever heard of Workcamp, or if you have never heard of Workcamp, you are invited to a visioning meeting about Workcamp! We are gathering as many people as possible to talk about the importance of this ministry, the growth of it over the past years, and the future of it. God has blessed us immensely in our mission and now it is time to “gather the saints” together to listen to how God might be calling us to move this ministry into the future. We will NOT be planning any particular Workcamp experience—we will simply be talking and beginning to discern where we go from here. Your input, feedback, and insights are vital to this process.

Some questions to ponder before the meeting:

- Where have we seen the most growth?
- How have we and the community around us been impacted by this ministry?
- How might we connect all ages to this ministry?
- Might there be Household Mission opportunities?
- How might we continue to fund and support this ministry?
- What is it that is helping this to “work?”
- Any other questions or thoughts that you think add to our process.

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Follow the “Ministries” link to the “Youth” link to have the latest updates on times and places of all the “Goings Ons.” It's cool. Really. It is.

You hear a lot of dialogue on the death of the American family. Families aren't dying. They're merging into big conglomerates.

—Erma Bombeck, 1927

# All about Administration

From your Director of Business Administration, Susan Moller



## About..... Our Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 7, 2007. The 2007 budget was voted on and approved. We also voted on the new council members. We welcome LaRae Schaff, secretary; Sally Meier, fellowship co-chair; Miles Olson and Tyger Penson, worship and music co-chairs; and Tami Musfeldt and Karen Odegard, outreach co-chairs. If you were unable to attend the annual meeting and would like a copy of the annual report, you can find extras on the tables in the narthex, or you can ask Janelle in the front office.

## About.....First-Fruits Outreach

Our First-Fruits giving for 2007 will be 20% of our general giving. We estimate this dollar amount to be approximately \$142,165. If you are interested to know what the different ministries are that we support, check out the Outreach news in this newsletter. God has blessed FCLC so much, and we pray that our First-Fruits giving will be a blessing to the many ministries that we support!

## About.....FCLC's Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund Board has met a couple of times this past month in order to evaluate all of the applications for funds. They have approved and distributed more than \$18,000 to six different ministry opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the endowment fund, you can call or email me or any of the endowment board members. The current members are: Roger Olsen, John Meier, Chris Holstine, Tracy Rothe, and Kelly Marshall.

## About.....Update on Our New Education Wing Project

In December and January, we were able to make two large payments towards the principal on our new education wing loan in the amount of \$55,000. The current balance for the loan is \$212,088. Our goal is to have this paid off by the end of 2007.

Blessings,  
Susan  
Church office #: 303-776-8771  
[susan@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:susan@faithcommunitylutheran.org)



## Attendance

Worship and Sunday School Attendance for January:

January	Worship		Sunday School	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
1st Sunday	550	598	209	203
2nd Sunday	511	532	153	198
3rd Sunday	495	528	207	235
4th Sunday	579	518	209	195
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2135</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>831</b>

## Musings of a Seminarian – in Real Time!

As many of you know, while I was at Gettysburg, I sent several emails titled: "Musings of a Seminarian." I spoke with Pastor Dan on my return from Fall Semester at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg to ask for some time to relay my experiences. As the schedule will allow and because God's timing is always perfect, Pastor Bruce will be in New Orleans on 4 March. During Pastor Bruce's normal Sunday school time on that day, I will relay some "lessons learned" by what the seminary refers to as a "Life Long Learner" in real time! I hope you will attend to discover the challenges being separated from family create, what insights four months of very concentrated study bring, how the seminary experience prepares people for full-time ministry, and what revelations occurred as I had time to reflect. I am looking forward to this time to give God the glory.

In Christ,  
Ed Broestl



## Can You Be a Friend to an Isolated Elder?

Would you enjoy getting to know an older adult who may have limited social opportunities, and needs the safety and reassurance of a weekly visitor? If you are looking to have a direct impact on the life of an elder, or that person's caregiver, Boulder County Aging Services can place you in a situation where your friendship, emotional support and meaningful activities will go a long way in helping that individual remain independent in a home setting. We seek caring men and women who can devote about 2 hours weekly of companion level assistance. No hands-on care or experience required. You'll make a worthwhile difference and get a new friend in the process!

*Upcoming training: Tuesday, March 13th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm in Niwot. For more info, call Mary Jane at 303.678.6286.*

## Angel Food Ministry

*If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. -Isaiah 58:6,10 NSRV*



**Wendy Kerr is the new coordinator for the Angel Food Ministry. Heartfelt thanks to Katherine Spencer-Inskeep, who has served in this position for the past three years!**

The Angel Food Ministry provides meals for FCLC families coping with a long-term illness or long-term recovery from a illness or surgery.

Whenever the need arises, an e-mail with all the particulars will be sent to the angel list, including an internet link to a special calendar, where angels can sign up for requested times and days of the week to prepare and deliver nutritious meals to the family.

*All angels interested in being a part of this beneficent culinary ministry, please contact Wendy Kerr at 720-494-9384 or [KerliQ@comast.net](mailto:KerliQ@comast.net). God bless you!*

## Finances

FCLC FINANCES As of 1/29/07:

General Offering YTD	\$ 43,933
Budget YTD	\$ 56,477
Expenses YTD	\$ (30,538)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 9,919



## GriefShare

If you have recently lost a loved one and are looking for a place to start your healing process, you are invited to join us for GriefShare - Your Journey from Mourning to Joy, to be held at Faith Community Lutheran Church. We will be meeting from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm each Thursday, beginning Thursday, February 15. GriefShare is a biblical-based course that runs for 13 weeks. Each week presents a different video topic such as Living with Grief, the Effects of Grief, Your Family and Grief, God's Prescription for Grief, etc., combined with sharing and discussion time.

To register and / or discuss this opportunity please contact Denise or Steven Lauerman at (970)669-7749 or email us at [sdlauerman2@netzero.com](mailto:sdlauerman2@netzero.com).

## Fellowship Corner



### Let Us Do The Cooking!!

Ash Wednesday, February 21st, kicks off our six weeks of Lenten Soup Suppers. We have some delicious soups planned to warm you up either after the 4:30 service or before you head off to WNL or confirmation, or before you attend the 7:00 service. We will start serving at 5:15 and end promptly at 6:45. The cost is \$1 for children ages 3-10, \$2 for ages 11-15, and \$4 for ages 16 and up. You can pre-purchase your tickets in the narthex between services starting on February 11th. Tickets will also be sold at the door every Wednesday. If you have any questions please contact one of your Fellowship Co-Chairs, Kaydene Hubert or Sally Meier.

## WACKY News

We had a nice turnout on Friday, January 12, for our WACKY (**WithoutAnyChildredKidsYuth**) potluck. The cold temps didn't hamper our fun!

We had a great discussion about how this group might proceed. It was pretty much agreed that the small groups didn't work out too well, but our monthly gatherings have been very successful. The September event was a potluck in the fellowship hall; October was the Oktoberfest at Danos' home (in the rain); November was dinner and a movie; December was Christmas caroling to the homes of some of our dear friends (it was cold) and back to the church for hot chocolate and cookies; and January was our potluck again (it was REALLY cold).

It was suggested that we meet more often for potluck, as we all enjoy getting together to eat and talk—no problem there! We decided that we would try quarterly instead of every four months, and that the quarterly potluck would be a planning meeting for the following two months. Thus came the ideas for February and March. Erika Snyder will pick another fun movie and plan a place for dinner (this time it will be a matinee movie and THEN a dinner) for Sunday afternoon on February 4. Jan Baas is going to check on tickets for a gospel/bluegrass concert in Denver on Saturday night, March 3. We will be hearing more from Erika and Jan as the dates get closer. Then our next potluck at the church will be Friday the 13th in April at 6:30 p.m. The potlucks for the remainder of the year will be the second Friday of the month at the beginning of each quarter, i.e. July 13 and October 12. So get these dates on your calendars and plan to join us for fun and fellowship.

Other possible activities down the road: Pat & Duane Sharp suggested we might do a service project by helping with a dinner for Wednesday Night Live. Linda Thoman will check with Kaydene Hubert about this possibility for sometime AFTER Easter. Ed Broestl and Ewald Schelert talked about showing a film at the church at some point. If you have other ideas, bring them to the next potluck. You will have lots of different choices of social activities, with an occasional service activity if you want to participate in that way also.

If you know someone who would be interested in getting involved with Wacky, ask them to go to the church web site and click on email lists/all available lists/wacky to sign up to receive these wacky emails.

Everyone take care, and hope to see you on February 4! The last dinner and a movie was lots of fun! Don't miss out!

God's blessings,  
Donna and Dave Koehler

*God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"* Luke 4:18-19

## Council Corner

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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## Mission Verse

God's Spirit is on me:  
He chose me to preach the  
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pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"

*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:**

- \* Bible-centered
- \* Prayer-centered
- \* Worship-centered with blended  
styles of music
- \* Kid-Friendly
- \* Visitor-Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood  
of Believers
- \* A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)

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